

REMARKS

Drawings

Applicant submits herewith a replacement drawing sheets containing amended Figures 3, 4 and 8. Figure 3 has been amended to show the spacers and LDD, reference numeral 54 has been changed to reference numeral 46, and reference numeral 52 has been added. In Figure 4, the lead line associated with reference numeral 52 has been moved and reference numeral 46 has been added. Figure 8 has been amended to show the spacers and LDD.

Specification

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors and to incorporate the changes to the drawings.

Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 12 and 15 due to typographical errors. Claim 12 has been cancelled, and claim 15 has been amended to address the typographical error noted by the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's objections be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 12, 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claim 15 has been amended to overcome this rejection, and claims 12 and 20 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 so that amended claim 1 is

essentially claim 12, re-written in independent form; and Applicant has amended claim 13 so that amended claim 13 is essentially claim 20, re-written in independent form. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that claims 1 and 13 be allowed, as well as those claims which depend therefrom.

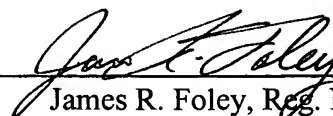
The present application has been amended in response to the Examiner's Office Action to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant, by the amendments and remarks presented above, has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance. To the extent that any claims have been amended or narrowed, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a continuation application and/or continuation-in-part application to pursue said claims or different claims which may be broader than the claims presented herein.

Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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